

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBILITY MEETING

Minutes of the City of Prince George Advisory Committee on Accessibility meeting, held in the 2nd Floor Conference Room of City Hall, 1100 Patricia Boulevard, Prince George, BC, on October 10, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mr. Chris **Gobbi** (Vice-Chair); Mr. Shane **Bunce**; Mr. Kanoa **Robinson**; Ms. Jesse **Blewett** <4:17 p.m. to 5:17 p.m.>; Ms. Heather **Lamb**; Ms. Caroline **Parker**; and Ms. Brandi **Stiles**.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Tristin **Deveau**, Planner/Staff Liaison; Mr. Ian **Sinclair**, Engineering Assistant/Staff Liaison; and Ms. Champa **Maduranayagam**, Transit Planner <4:10 p.m. to 5:17 p.m.>.

A. Commencement

The meeting was called to order at 3:58 p.m.

B. Adoption of Agenda

- B.1** Moved by Ms. Lamb, seconded by Mr. Robinson, that the agenda for the October 10, 2018 Advisory Committee on Accessibility, BE ADOPTED.

Carried Unanimously

C. Adoption of Minutes

- C.1** Minutes from the Advisory Committee on Accessibility Meeting held September 12, 2018

Moved by Ms. Parker, seconded by Mr. Robinson, that the Advisory Committee on Accessibility minutes from the meeting held September 12, 2018 BE ADOPTED.

Carried Unanimously

The Committee agreed to hear report item E.3 before report item D.1.

E. Old Business

- E.3** Accessible Parking Working Group

Ms. Maduranayagam, Transit Planner, entered the 2nd Floor Conference Room at 4:10 p.m.

Mr. Deveau provided an update on the status of the Accessible Parking Working Group. Discussion commenced regarding a proposed communication to be sent to City Senior Administration regarding accessible parking stalls located in City parkades not being up to accessible standards.

Ms. Blewett entered the 2nd Floor Conference Room at 4:18 p.m.

D. New Business

- D.1** Guest Presenter: BC Transit and Accessibility in Prince George

Ms. Maduranayagam, Transit Planner, provided an overview of the Prince George Transit system and the accommodations made by the system to address accessibility. All fleet buses are accessible and work is underway to improve accessibility at the bus stops.

Discussion commenced regarding transit staff training regarding serving users with developmental disabilities. Ms. Maduranayagam advised that regular transit staff training is conducted by BC Transit and the operator, Pacific Western Transportation (PWT), however, she is unaware if that particular subject is addressed and will inquire with BC Transit.

Discussion commenced regarding the readability of the transit scheduled noting that schedules are posted too high at the bus stops. Ms. Maduranayagam will look into the height standards for schedules posted at bus stops.

The Committee encouraged simplification of communications and schedules for ease of use by individuals with

cognitive or developmental disabilities.

The Committee requested that access routes be assessed for accessibility. Mr. Sinclair advised that the City's Public Works Department considers accessibility when performing sidewalk enhancements and maintenance.

Ms. Maduranaygam exited the 2nd Floor Conference Room at 5:04 p.m.

E.3 Civic Facilities and Parks Update

Mr. Sinclair advised he has not received any updates on the Pool or Library capital projects, but is working on getting a presentation for the committee to comment on accessibility.

E.4 Accessible Transit Advisory Committee (ATAC)

Mr. Lamb advised she has previously sat on the ATAC committee but had difficulty attending as the space had limited accessibility and was not convenient to get to via transit.

F. Informational Items

F.1 Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. – 2nd Floor Conference Room

The next regular committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room. All agenda items and supporting materials must be submitted to Ms. Jackson before 12:00 p.m. on Monday, November 5, 2018.

G. Adjournment

THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBILITY MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:17 p.m.

Chris Gobbi, Chair

Tristin Deveau, Planner / Staff Liaison

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